



**TOWN OF BLUFFTON PROCLAMATION
FOR
FOSTER CARE MONTH**

WHEREAS, because children are our hope for the future and the promise of a better tomorrow, we must pledge to give all our children the love, support, encouragement, and opportunity they need to grow into healthy, responsible adults; and

WHEREAS, Bluffton's foster parents are at the forefront of fulfilling our responsibility to our county's most vulnerable children – numerous young people who, for a variety of reasons, can no longer live securely in their own homes; and

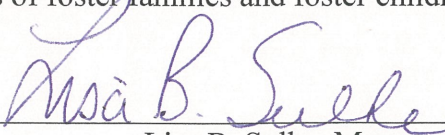
WHEREAS, foster families provide their valuable time to ensure that they are trained with the proper skills to address the needs of the foster child, while allowing themselves to be monitored to ensure the highest quality care; and

WHEREAS, the value of a foster care, as a temporary service that provides children and youth with a safe, stable and nurturing foster family until permanence can be achieved, warrants public recognition of the vital role that foster families have in helping children and families heal and reconnect and helping launch children to successful adulthood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa B. Sulka, Mayor of the Town of Bluffton, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as

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on this 11th day of May, 2010 throughout the Town of Bluffton and encourage all citizens to recognize and honor foster families throughout the Town of Bluffton for their many contributions to the well-being of our children, and to work together to raise awareness of the needs of foster families and foster children throughout the State.



Lisa B. Sulka, Mayor

